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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/922,645) Group Art Unit: 2626
Filed: August 7, 2001)
For: E-MAIL PRINTING APPARATUS)
AND METHOD AND E-MAIL)
PRINTING PROGRAM) January 10, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Sir:

In response to the NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS mailed December 28, 2005, which sets a one-month term for response, it is submitted that there are no unintended "blank lines" in the specification page 15, lines 18 and 20.

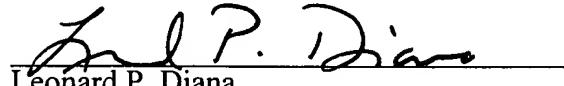
The line of hyphens "-----" in page 15 is describing a feature (a delimiter) shown in Fig. 2 of the application.

A copy of the Notice is attached to this Response.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this Response. If, however, a fee is required in order to have this Response entered, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

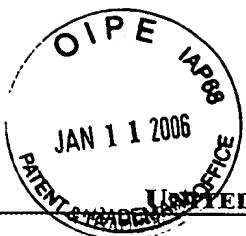
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Notice of Allowance Mailed

This application has been accorded an Allowance Date and is being prepared for issuance. The application, however, is incomplete for the reasons below.

Applicant is given 30 days from the mail date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. A failure to reply will result in the application being ABANDONED. This period for reply is NOT extendable under 37 CFR 1.136 (a) or (b).

- ♦ Specification page 15, lines 18 and 20 have blank lines. Fax missing information to number below or e-mail.
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is an identifier indicative of an arrangement of data in the E-mail, a data format, and the like. Contents of the MIME header have been standardized by the International Standard regulations called RFC (Request for Comment). Since the E-mail data which is transmitted onto the Internet certainly has to be expressed by ASCII character codes, in case of Japanese text data including non-ASCII characters or binary data such as image data or the like, it is necessary to once encode such data into ASCII character codes and transmit them. An encoding method or the like in this instance can be also expressed by the MIME header.

Fig. 2 shows an example of ordinary E-mail data in which image data is annexed to E-mail. From a description of "multipart/mixed" of an MIME header 201, the apparatus first recognizes the fact that data of a plurality of formats exist in the subsequent data. From a description of "boundary="-----", the apparatus also recognizes the fact that the data of each format is divided by a delimiter of "-----". Subsequently, the apparatus analyzes the MIME headers after the first delimiter. From a description of "text/plain" and "US-ASCII", the apparatus recognizes the fact that subsequent data 202 is the text data of the ASCII character codes (9-7). Since the text data 202 is not encoded, the number of lines of the text data is counted without performing the decoding process